

Investments made in Tourism Sector

3628. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total investments made in tourism sector during the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth Five Year Plans, State-wise;

(b) the details of investment target made for the Ninth Plan for the development of tourism sector in the country; and

(c) the extent to which the targets have been achieved so far in the country, Plan-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND - CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) Even though the bulk of the investments in the tourism sector are in the private sector, it is not feasible to monitor all investments made by them State-wise. However, the Plan-wise outlays for tourism for the Department of Tourism, Government of India are Rs. 25.49 crores, 138.68 crores and 272.00 crores for 6th, 7th and 8th Plan respectively.

(b) and (c) Since it has not been possible to identify and monitor investment in the private sector for tourism, no target has been fixed for the Ninth Plan.

However, the outlay of the Department of Tourism for the Ninth Plan was Rs. 485.75 crores against which the actual allocation in the first four years of the Plan is Rs. 566.35 crores.